

## II. REFUGEES

*This section presents information on persons who are admitted to the United States because of persecution abroad, including the number and characteristics of persons applying, approved, arriving, and adjusting to lawful permanent resident status.*

**A** refugee is an alien outside the United States who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. (See Appendix 3, p. A.3-9.)

Claims of persecution must be based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.<sup>1</sup> Persons within their country of nationality may be treated as refugees, provided that the President, after consultation with Congress, declares that they are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. The definition of refugee set forth in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980, (see Appendix 1, p. A.1-18) conforms to the 1967 United Nations Protocol on Refugees.

### U.S. Refugee Program

The United States first recognized refugees for entry into the country in fiscal year 1946. After that time many different refugee programs were enacted on an ad hoc basis, including the Displaced Persons Act (see Appendix 1, p. A.1-10) and the Cuban and Indochinese Refugee Adjustment Acts. During the first decade of refugee programs, virtually all refugees entered the United States as immigrants. Since 1957, most refugees either have been paroled into the United States under special authority granted to the Attorney General by the Immigration and Nationality Act, or have entered in a statutory refugee status, to be adjusted to lawful permanent resident status at a later date.

Chart F depicts initial refugee admissions and adjustments to lawful permanent resident status for the period 1946-97. This graph demonstrates the time lag between initial admission and adjustment to immigrant status. At the

onset of parole programs there generally were no mechanisms for adjustment to permanent status, thus creating a recurring need for special legislation. The Refugee Act of 1980 addressed this situation by providing for routine adjustment of status by refugees one year after arrival.

### Admission ceilings

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the President, after consultation with Congress to review the worldwide refugee situation, determines the number of refugees in need of resettlement who are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. The President then establishes the authorized number of admissions for that fiscal year. During the year, changes in the need for resettlement may require revisions in the overall limit on refugee admissions or reallocation among areas of the world. The admission ceiling of 78,000 for 1997 was established and later reallocated among geographic regions as follows:

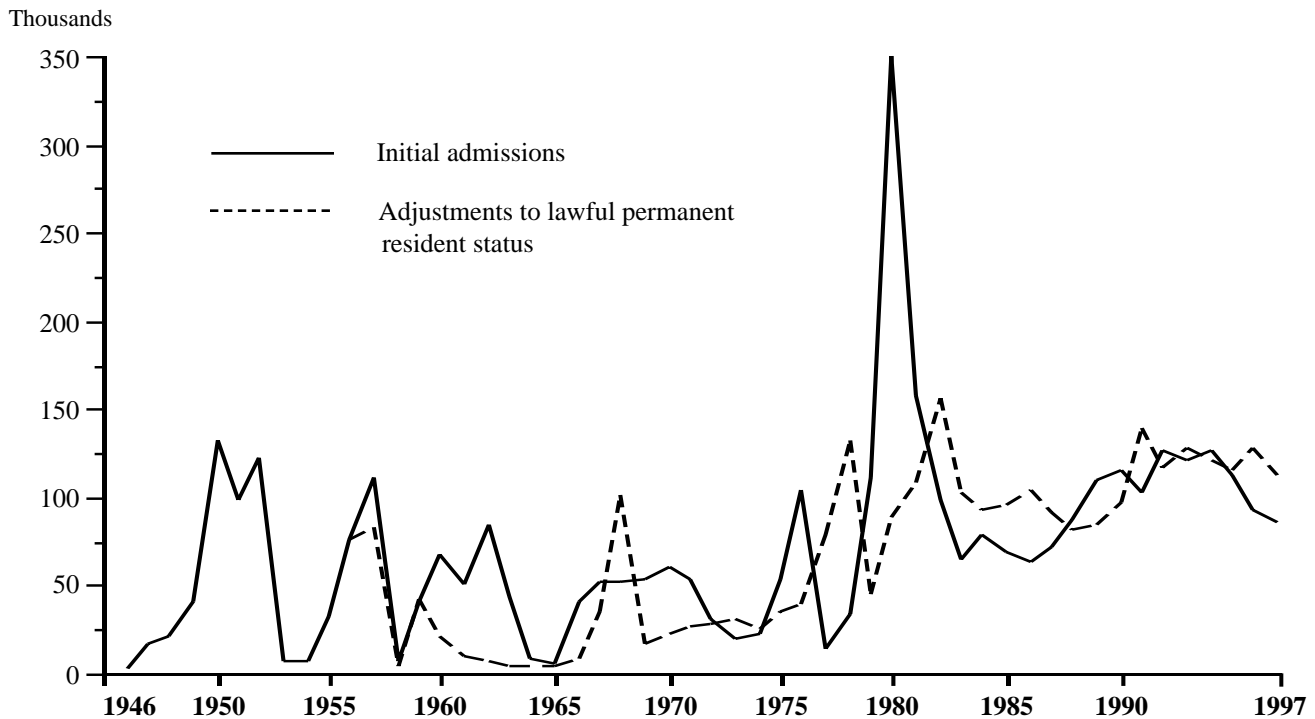
Geographic region of origin	Initial ceiling	Final ceiling
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>
Africa .....	7,000	7,000
East Asia .....	10,000	10,000
Eastern Europe / Soviet Union (fmr.)	48,000	52,500
Latin America / Caribbean .....	4,000	4,000
Near East / South Asia .....	4,000	4,500
Unallocated, funded .....	5,000	-

- Represents zero.

The authorized admission levels set the maximum number of refugees allowed to enter the United States in a fiscal year from each of the geographic areas of chargeability. The authorized ceiling was lowered from 90,000 in 1996 to 78,000 in 1997, continuing a downward trend since the peak of 142,000 in 1992. An unallocated funded reserve of 5,000 was placed in the 1997 ceiling to allow for small increases in one or more areas as needed without subtracting refugee numbers from other areas.

<sup>1</sup> The Illegal Immigration Reform and Individual Responsibility Act of 1996, enacted September 30, 1996, Sec. 601, stipulates that a person qualifies as a refugee or asylee persecuted for political opinion if forced to undergo, has a well-founded fear of being compelled to undergo, or resists a coercive population-control procedure. Also, the Act set a combined annual ceiling of 1,000 persons who may be granted refugee or asylee status under this provision.

**Chart F**  
**Refugee and Asylee Initial Admissions and Adjustments to Lawful Permanent Resident Status: Fiscal Years 1946-97**



Major refugee programs

1949-53	Displaced Persons Act	1978-84	Indochinese Refugee Adjustment Act	3/75-3/80	Indochinese refugees paroled
1954-57	Refugee Relief Act			1980	Refugee-Parolee adjustments began
11/56-7/58	Hungarians paroled	2/70-3/80	Refugee-Parolees admitted	4/80	Refugee Act admissions began
1959	Hungarian adjustments began	1/59-3/80	Cubans paroled	1981	Refugee Act adjustments began
1966-80	Refugee conditional entrants	1967	Cuban adjustments began	4/80-10/80	Mariel boatlift
				1985-87	Mariel adjustments

NOTE: For the period 1946-56, admissions to lawful permanent resident status and initial admissions were the same. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Source: Tables 24, 28, and 32.

The ceiling for East Asia includes certain Vietnamese Amerasians, who enter the United States with immigrant visas. Although these aliens are immigrants rather than refugees, they are included in the refugee ceiling since they are eligible for refugee benefits in the United States. Only 809 Amerasians, including their family members, entered the United States in 1997. They are included in the immigrant rather than the refugee tables in the Statistical Yearbook. The Amerasian program is ending, since most of the eligible persons have already been identified and entered the United States.

#### Criteria for refugee status

During 1997, refugees were interviewed and approved for admission to the United States by officers in ten of the Service's thirty-nine overseas offices. To qualify for admission to the United States as a refugee, each applicant

must meet all of the following criteria: be a refugee as set forth in the Refugee Act of 1980; be among the types of refugees determined to be of special humanitarian concern to the United States; be admissible under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and not be firmly resettled in any foreign country. Spouses and minor children of qualifying refugees also enter the United States as refugees, either accompanying or following to join the principal refugee. Occasionally these family members gain refugee status after arriving in the United States; this was the case with 196 people in 1997.

#### Special program for applicants from the former Soviet Union (Table 22)

Beginning in 1990, the administrative processing of refugee applicants residing in the Soviet Union was shifted to the United States. The resulting change in the

**Table D**  
**Refugee Status Applications Filed and Approved, and Refugees Admitted, by Selected Nationality: Fiscal Year 1997**

Nationality	Refugee applications filed	Refugee applications approved	Refugee arrivals
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>122,741</b>	<b>77,600</b>	<b>69,276</b>
Yugoslavia .....	39,561	28,730	21,360
Bosnia-Herzegovina .....	38,381	27,840	21,357
Croatia .....	1,170	884	-
Other & unknown .....	10	6	3
Soviet Union, former .....	35,329	27,623	27,072
Vietnam .....	19,552	6,522	6,660
Cuba .....	9,102	1,860	2,911
Somalia .....	6,510	5,599	4,974
Iraq .....	4,573	3,289	2,679
Congo, Democratic Republic <sup>1</sup> ..	2,664	651	45
Iran .....	2,244	1,234	1,305
Liberia .....	1,620	893	231
Sudan .....	602	393	277
Other .....	984	797	1,762

<sup>1</sup> In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

- Represents zero. Source: Tables 23 and 25.

application procedure created discontinuity with prior INS data on refugee applications. Applicants from the former Soviet Union are now required to submit an initial questionnaire to the State Department's Washington Processing Center (WPC) in Rosslyn, Virginia. The WPC establishes interview priority for applications based on information supplied on the initial questionnaires and schedules interviews in Moscow. On the day of their interview, applicants submit completed refugee applications to Service officers in Moscow. Since 1990, those applications have been counted as filed on the interview date. The 45,825 applications pending in Moscow at the end of fiscal year 1989 were administratively closed and forwarded to the WPC to receive a priority and an interview date; therefore, the count of pending applications declined by this number between 1989 and 1990. The 45,825 applications were added to the pool of initial questionnaires submitted to the WPC beginning in 1990 (Table 22).

The number of initial questionnaires received at the WPC provides only a rough indication of the potential number of applications, because a questionnaire may include more than one person, and some potential applicants submit duplicate questionnaires. Some questionnaires never result in formal applications for refugee status, because they might exceed the yearly admissions allocated for the

former Soviet Union. During fiscal year 1997, the WPC received 25,416 questionnaires and scheduled 53,436 persons for Moscow interviews. About 19 percent of these potential applicants did not appear for their interviews. Applicants from the former Soviet Union who were in other countries at the start of fiscal year 1990 are still allowed to submit applications for refugee status directly to other INS refugee processing posts. Only 49 Soviet applications were filed outside of Moscow in 1997, including 18 spouses and children who received refugee status in the United States.

## Data Overview

### Applications (Tables D, 22, 23)

The number of applications for refugee status filed with INS decreased by 21 percent from 1996 (155,868) to 1997 (122,741) (Table 22). The leading countries of chargeability of the applicants were Bosnia-Herzegovina with 31 percent of the applications, the former Soviet Union (29), Vietnam (16), Cuba (7), and Somalia (5) (Table D and Table 23). Among those countries of chargeability from which at least 600 applications were filed in 1997, the largest percentage increases over 1996 were in applications filed by nationals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) (from 65 to 2,664), Liberia (310 to 1,620), and Bosnia-

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Herzegovina (19,242 to 38,381); the largest percentage decreases were in applications filed by nationals of Vietnam (from 69,802 to 19,552) and Somalia (14,383 to 6,510). The large increase in number of applications filed by nationals of Cuba (from 1,566 to 9,102) was due to a reporting procedural change that took place in the INS Mexico City district. Beginning in 1997, offices in Mexico City district adopted a reporting guideline that was consistent with all other overseas offices and reported their refugee processing workload in terms of number of individuals instead of cases processed.

### **Approvals** (Tables D, 22, 23, 24)

The number of refugees approved for admission to the United States increased from 74,491 in 1996 to 77,600 in 1997 (Table 24). The leading countries of chargeability were Bosnia-Herzegovina with 27,840 approvals, the former Soviet Union (27,632), Vietnam (6,522), Somalia (5,599), and Iraq (3,289) (Table D and Table 23). These five countries accounted for 91 percent of all approvals in 1997. The number approved from the former Soviet Union dropped for the fifth straight year, reflecting the downward trend in applications. The number of refugees approved from Vietnam declined by 24 percent and from the East Asia geographic region declined by 43 percent in 1997, reflecting a substantial drop in the proportion of successful applications. All Vietnamese refugee processing centers outside Vietnam were closed by the end of 1997. Residents of former refugee camps were asked to return to Vietnam. Their cases are processed through a special program called the Resettlement of Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) in Vietnam. The ROVR program adjudicated 607 cases and approved 565 cases in 1997.

### **Dependents**

Refugee figures include spouses and children who are cleared to join principal refugees already in the United States, and they count against the annual ceiling. Because of these family reunification cases, the data continue to show refugees being approved and arriving for some time after active refugee processing has ended for nationals of certain countries. Most of the refugee flow from Eastern Europe in fiscal year 1997, other than from the former Yugoslavia, was family reunification cases. Most of the caseload from Afghanistan and Ethiopia also fell into this category. Overall, 3.1 percent of the applications and 3.6 percent of the approvals were family reunification cases.

### **Arrivals** (Tables 24, 25)

Refugee arrivals into the United States declined to 69,276 in 1997 from 74,791 in 1996 (Tables 24 and 25).<sup>2</sup> The decline was largely attributed to the decrease in Vietnamese refugee arrivals. Arrivals from Bosnia-

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## ***More than 69,000 refugees arrived in the United States during 1997.***

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Herzegovina increased significantly (78 percent) against an overall declining trend. The former Soviet Union, former Yugoslavia, Vietnam, and Somalia were the leading countries for refugee arrivals in 1997, comprising 87 percent of the total. The time lag between approval of a refugee application and the refugee's arrival in the United States may be several months or more. After approval, refugees must undergo health and security clearances, have sponsorship and placement arranged, and in some cases go through orientation and English language training. This time lag accounts for the discrepancies between approval and arrival figures in any given year.

### **Adjustment to permanent resident status**

(Tables 5, 26, 35, 36)

Under the Refugee Act of 1980, refugees are eligible to adjust to lawful permanent resident status, exempt from any limit, after 1 year of residence in the United States. When they adjust status, their date of admission is recorded as their date of entry as refugees, so that the length of time spent in refugee status is counted toward the residency requirement for naturalization. For all refugees who adjusted status in 1997, the median length of residence in the United States was about 2 years. This analysis and others indicate that refugees tend to adjust soon after they become eligible. Nearly 79 percent of the 1997 refugee-adjustment cohort entered the United States in 1995-96.

The number of refugees adjusting to lawful permanent resident status decreased by 14 percent from 1996 (118,528) to 1997 (102,052) (Table 5). The leading countries of birth for these refugees were: the former Soviet Union (30,101), the majority of whom were from the republics of the Ukraine (11,930), Russia (6,671), Uzbekistan (2,845), and Belarus (2,452); Cuba (30,039); Vietnam (22,291); the former Yugoslavia (6,951), most of whom were from Bosnia-Herzegovina (6,013); and Somalia (3,428). These countries accounted for 91 percent of all refugee adjustments. The number of refugees adjusting status from both Somalia and Cuba increased significantly from 1996, 119 percent and 36 percent, respectively. Adjustments decreased significantly for refugees from the former Soviet Union (27 percent) and Vietnam (25 percent).

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<sup>2</sup> Refugee arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. See Data Collection section.

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The leading states of residence for refugees (and asylees) adjusting status in 1997 were Florida (28,672), California (23,046), New York (13,638), and Washington (6,305) (Table 36). These four states accounted for 64 percent of all refugee and asylee adjustments. Nearly 26 percent of all refugees and asylees who adjusted status in 1997 live in Florida and about 21 percent in California. The leading metropolitan areas of residence for these refugees and asylees were Miami, FL (23,857), New York, NY (12,613), and Orange County, CA (4,306) (Table 35).

## Understanding the Data

### Data Collection

The Immigration and Naturalization Service collects data on refugees at three points during processing: when they apply for refugee status abroad; when they are admitted to the United States; and when they adjust to lawful permanent resident status. The INS overseas offices collect data on applicants for refugee status. Each office completes INS Form G-319, Report of Applicants for Refugee Status under Section 207, which reports refugee casework by the country to which each applicant is chargeable.

Since 1987, the INS's Nonimmigrant Information System has collected data on refugee arrivals. The system compiles refugee arrival data by country of citizenship on a monthly basis from INS Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record (see Nonimmigrants section). Since it records each entry of a person with nonimmigrant status, a refugee traveling abroad and returning to the United States may be counted more than once during a fiscal year.

Both the Bureau for Refugee Programs (Department of State) and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (Department of Health and Human Services) collect data

on refugees admitted to the United States. The Bureau for Refugee Programs collects data through the Intergovernmental Organization for Migration, which is the agency responsible for arranging the transportation of refugees to the United States. The Office of Refugee Resettlement, responsible for the disbursement of funds for refugee benefits, collects detailed data on the characteristics of refugees at the time they are initially admitted to the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service collects data on refugees adjusting to lawful permanent resident status as part of its immigrant data series gathered by the Computer Linked Application Information Management Systems (CLAIMS). The data collected include demographic variables as well as immigration-oriented variables (see Immigrants section). This is the only stage in the refugee process where the INS collects detailed information about the characteristics of refugees.

### Limitations of Data

Prior to the 1996 edition, refugee arrival data presented in the *Statistical Yearbook* were derived from the INS's Nonimmigrant Information System (NIIS). However, since this system records each entry of a person with nonimmigrant status, a refugee traveling abroad and returning to the United States may be counted more than once during a fiscal year. After careful consideration of the reporting requirements and limitations of data collected in the NIIS, it was decided that the *Yearbook* would present refugee arrival statistics from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. This source counts the actual number of refugees arriving in the United States in each fiscal year. Therefore, any comparison of refugee arrival data from the 1995 or earlier editions of the *Yearbook* to 1996 or later editions must be made with caution.

Refugee detailed tables are located at the end of the Asylees text section

**TABLE 22. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS: FISCAL YEARS 1980-97**

Year	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
1980 (April-Sept.) ..	16,642	95,241	89,580	6,149	1,197	14,957
1981 .....	14,957	178,273	155,291	15,322	3,998	18,619
1982 .....	18,619	76,150	61,527	14,943	6,631	11,668
1983 .....	11,668	92,522	73,645	20,255	2,489	7,801
1984 .....	7,801	99,636	77,932	16,220	604	12,681
1985 .....	12,681	80,734	59,436	18,430	1,842	13,707
1986 .....	13,707	67,310	52,081	9,679	3,362	15,895
1987 .....	15,895	85,823	61,529	13,911	6,126	20,152
1988 .....	20,152	105,024	80,282	11,821	5,632	27,441
1989 .....	27,441	190,597	95,505	33,179	4,005	85,349
1990 .....	39,524	135,251	99,697	29,805	24,904	20,369
1991 .....	20,369	123,492	107,962	12,644	5,700	17,555
1992 .....	18,238	133,786	115,330	14,886	6,780	15,028
1993 .....	15,028	127,676	106,026	20,280	5,107	11,291
1994 .....	15,582	142,068	105,137	20,557	19,485	12,471
1995 .....	12,471	143,223	78,936	32,412	34,251	10,095
1996 .....	10,095	155,868	74,491	26,317	59,589	5,566
1997 .....	5,566	122,741	77,600	22,725	17,270	10,712

NOTE: The Refugee Act of 1980 went into effect April 1, 1980. Because of an administrative processing change, 45,825 applications pending in Moscow at the end of fiscal year 1989 were administratively closed and added to the pool of initial questionnaires submitted to the Washington Processing Center (WPC) beginning in 1990. Changes in the number of applications pending from 1991 to 1992 and 1993 to 1994 are due to revisions in the data from reporting offices.

**TABLE 23. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY  
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
<b>All countries .....</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>122,741</b>	<b>77,600</b>	<b>22,725</b>	<b>17,270</b>	<b>10,712</b>
<b>Africa .....</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>11,796</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>633</b>
Congo, Democratic Republic <sup>1</sup> .....	83	2,664	651	274	1,746	76
Eritrea .....	2	15	13	-	1	3
Ethiopia .....	48	210	195	4	9	50
Liberia .....	44	1,620	893	674	66	31
Nigeria .....	1	69	51	16	-	3
Rwanda .....	3	34	28	-	-	9
Sierra Leone .....	4	17	15	2	1	3
Somalia .....	484	6,510	5,599	736	355	304
Sudan .....	103	602	393	108	82	122
Uganda .....	2	17	1	11	1	6
Other Africa .....	14	38	15	3	8	26
<b>East Asia .....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19,905</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>10,383</b>	<b>4</b>
Burma .....	-	236	210	26	-	-
Laos .....	-	109	71	38	-	-
Vietnam .....	23	19,552	6,522	2,667	10,382	4
Other East Asia .....	-	8	7	-	1	-
<b>Eastern Europe and Soviet Union .....</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>74,927</b>	<b>56,379</b>	<b>10,371</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>8,963</b>
Albania .....	38	27	9	18	3	35
Poland .....	12	5	6	-	-	11
Romania .....	24	5	2	-	3	24
Soviet Union, fmr. ..	6	35,329	27,632	7,681	5	17
Yugoslavia, fmr. ....	3,456	39,561	28,730	2,672	2,741	8,874
Bosnia- Herzegovina ...	3,455	38,381	27,840	2,642	2,736	8,618
Croatia .....	-	1,170	884	30	3	253
Unknown .....	1	10	6	-	2	3
Other Eastern Europe .....	2	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Latin America .....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>5,902</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>-</b>
Cuba .....	6	9,102	1,860	5,902	1,346	-
<b>Near East .....</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>6,853</b>	<b>4,539</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1,112</b>
Afghanistan .....	7	30	10	-	4	23
Iran .....	396	2,244	1,234	571	221	614
Iraq .....	808	4,573	3,289	1,322	295	475
Other Near East ....	-	6	6	-	-	-
Not reported .....	-	158	158	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 24. REFUGEE APPROVALS AND ARRIVALS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF CHARGEABILITY  
FISCAL YEARS 1990-97**

Geographic area of chargeability	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Authorized admissions .....</b>	<b>111,000</b>	<b>116,000</b>	<b>123,500</b>	<b>116,000</b>	<b>117,500</b>	<b>111,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>
Africa .....	3,500	4,900	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
East Asia .....	36,800	38,500	33,500	36,000	41,500	39,000	25,000	10,000
Eastern Europe & Soviet Union (fmr.)	58,300	53,500	64,000	51,500	55,000	48,000	45,000	48,000
Latin America & Caribbean .....	2,400	3,100	3,000	3,500	4,000	8,000	6,000	4,000
Near East .....	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	6,000	5,000	4,000	4,000
Unallocated Reserve .....	4,000	10,000	11,000	11,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	5,000
<b>Approvals .....</b>	<b>99,697</b>	<b>107,962</b>	<b>115,330</b>	<b>106,026</b>	<b>105,137</b>	<b>78,936</b>	<b>74,491</b>	<b>77,600</b>
Africa .....	3,318	4,430	5,667	6,813	5,748	4,895	9,681	7,854
East Asia .....	30,613	33,560	31,751	38,314	40,639	23,023	11,891	6,810
Eastern Europe & Soviet Union (fmr.)	58,951	62,582	68,131	52,090	48,963	45,900	47,611	56,379
Latin America & Caribbean .....	1,863	2,263	4,121	3,991	2,513	1,933	982	1,860
Near East .....	4,952	5,127	5,660	4,818	7,229	3,068	4,246	4,539
Not reported .....	-	-	-	-	45	117	80	158
<b>Arrivals <sup>1</sup> .....</b>	<b>109,078</b>	<b>96,587</b>	<b>114,498</b>	<b>107,926</b>	<b>109,593</b>	<b>98,520</b>	<b>74,791</b>	<b>69,276</b>
Africa .....	3,493	4,424	5,491	6,969	5,856	4,779	7,502	6,069
East Asia .....	38,370	37,262	34,202	38,302	40,601	35,956	18,343	7,781
Eastern Europe & Soviet Union (fmr.)	56,912	45,516	64,184	51,278	50,838	45,703	41,617	48,450
Latin America & Caribbean .....	5,312	4,026	3,777	4,377	6,437	7,618	3,541	2,986
Near East .....	4,991	5,359	6,844	7,000	5,861	4,464	3,788	3,990

<sup>1</sup> In editions of the *Statistical Yearbook* prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. However, beginning with the 1996 edition, arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data between this and any pre-1996 editions of the *Yearbook* must be made with caution (see Refugees section, Data Overview and Data Collection). Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

NOTE: The authorized admission levels for 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 were 125,000, 131,000, 142,000, 132,000, 121,000, and 112,000, respectively, including 15,000 Amerasians in both 1990 and 1991, 18,500 in 1992, 16,000 in 1993, 3,500 in 1994, and 1,000 in 1995. Since Amerasians enter the United States on immigrant visas, they are not included as refugee admissions. As a result, the authorized admission levels for 1990 through 1995 for East Asia have been reduced accordingly. Beginning in fiscal year 1996, there is no specific allocation for Amerasians in authorized admissions.

- Represents zero.



**TABLE 25. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES  
BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY  
FISCAL YEARS 1991-97**

Country of chargeability	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>All countries .....</b>	<b>96,587</b>	<b>114,498</b>	<b>107,926</b>	<b>109,593</b>	<b>98,520</b>	<b>74,791</b>	<b>69,276</b>
Afghanistan .....	1,480	1,452	1,233	21	4	-	-
Albania .....	1,363	1,108	458	171	51	23	9
Bulgaria .....	585	126	34	5	3	-	-
Cambodia .....	38	141	22	6	1	-	-
China, People's Republic .....	4	1	-	-	-	1	-
Congo, Democratic Republic <sup>1</sup> .....	73	76	199	92	85	38	45
Cuba .....	3,933	3,720	3,065	2,670	6,133	3,498	2,911
Czechoslovakia, former .....	158	18	3	5	-	1	-
El Salvador .....	6	2	1	-	-	-	-
Eritrea .....	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	6	-	14	7
Ethiopia <sup>2</sup> .....	3,948	2,972	2,765	328	239	194	197
Ghana .....	-	-	2	5	9	1	4
Haiti .....	-	54	1,307	3,766	1,485	39	75
Hungary .....	7	1	-	1	-	-	-
Iran .....	2,692	1,949	1,161	851	978	1,256	1,305
Iraq .....	842	3,442	4,605	4,984	3,482	2,528	2,679
Laos .....	9,249	7,315	6,967	6,272	3,675	2,201	939
Liberia .....	1	637	961	610	52	46	231
Nicaragua .....	87	1	1	1	-	2	-
Poland .....	290	134	54	31	39	11	6
Romania .....	4,452	1,499	215	67	24	16	3
Somalia .....	192	1,570	2,753	3,555	2,506	6,436	4,974
South Africa .....	19	15	8	-	-	1	1
Soviet Union, former .....	38,661	61,298	48,627	43,470	35,716	29,536	27,072
Sudan .....	24	113	244	1,220	1,705	575	277
Uganda .....	125	93	24	2	10	10	9
Vietnam .....	27,957	26,690	31,219	34,248	32,244	16,130	6,660
Yugoslavia, former <sup>3</sup> .....	-	-	1,887	7,088	9,870	12,030	21,360
Bosnia-Herzegovina .....	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	1,887	7,088	9,870	12,030	21,357
Unknown .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other .....	401	71	111	118	209	204	512

<sup>1</sup> In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo. <sup>2</sup> Data for Eritrea are not available separately from Ethiopia prior to fiscal year 1994; beginning in 1994, data for Ethiopia exclude Eritrea (see Notice page). <sup>3</sup> Data for Bosnia-Herzegovina are not available separately from Yugoslavia prior to fiscal year 1993. Yugoslavia was officially dissolved as an independent republic in 1992 (see Notice page).

NOTE: In editions of the *Statistical Yearbook* prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. However, beginning with the 1996 edition, arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data between this and any pre-1996 editions of the *Yearbook* must be made with caution (see Refugees section, Data Overview and Data Collection). Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 26. REFUGEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS IN FISCAL YEAR 1997  
BY CALENDAR YEAR OF ENTRY AND REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH**

Region and country of birth	Total	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	Before 1990	Unknown or not reported
<b>All countries .....</b>	<b>102,052</b>	<b>12,637</b>	<b>67,615</b>	<b>15,968</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Europe .....</b>	<b>37,932</b>	<b>5,617</b>	<b>23,167</b>	<b>6,988</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>70</b>
Estonia .....	84	12	52	13	2	-	-	4	1	-
Latvia .....	260	39	167	40	10	1	1	2	-	-
Lithuania .....	74	10	52	9	2	-	-	-	1	-
Poland .....	113	5	31	21	7	6	2	3	38	-
Romania .....	96	4	22	9	9	12	3	12	25	-
Soviet Union, former .....	30,101	3,939	18,247	6,296	899	355	140	69	90	66
Armenia .....	198	34	80	59	1	8	-	3	13	-
Azerbaijan .....	970	136	582	190	33	24	4	-	1	-
Belarus .....	2,452	357	1,523	466	46	31	18	6	5	-
Georgia .....	361	28	211	105	9	6	-	1	1	-
Kazakhstan .....	597	98	368	117	11	1	1	1	-	-
Kyrgyzstan .....	196	27	130	32	2	4	1	-	-	-
Moldova .....	1,033	133	579	257	36	15	7	3	2	1
Russia .....	6,671	1,045	4,032	1,312	166	55	30	16	12	3
Tajikistan .....	230	7	119	79	22	1	2	-	-	-
Turkmenistan .....	60	12	26	19	1	1	-	1	-	-
Ukraine .....	11,930	1,602	7,218	2,470	358	150	47	21	45	19
Uzbekistan .....	2,845	205	1,848	632	124	22	8	2	3	1
Unknown republic .....	2,558	255	1,531	558	90	37	22	15	8	42
Yugoslavia, former .....	6,951	1,577	4,471	554	37	5	-	1	3	3
Bosnia-Herzegovina .....	6,013	1,375	4,160	435	33	5	-	1	1	3
Croatia .....	226	51	151	23	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other .....	24	6	16	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Unknown .....	688	145	444	94	3	-	-	-	-	-
Other Europe .....	253	31	125	46	17	8	5	5	15	1
<b>Asia .....</b>	<b>27,957</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>17,650</b>	<b>4,566</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>9</b>
Cambodia .....	141	9	25	15	1	9	2	6	74	-
Iran .....	1,139	517	366	117	39	20	21	14	44	1
Iraq .....	1,647	267	1,020	314	31	10	-	-	5	-
Laos .....	1,319	8	281	523	234	97	50	39	86	1
Saudi Arabia .....	111	8	81	20	2	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand .....	1,109	7	228	473	206	73	44	12	66	-
Vietnam .....	22,291	3,138	15,570	3,087	202	69	29	46	144	6
Other Asia .....	200	26	79	17	16	13	4	10	34	1
<b>Africa .....</b>	<b>5,266</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
Ethiopia .....	245	38	127	21	29	13	6	3	7	1
Kenya .....	276	128	119	20	7	1	-	-	1	-
Liberia .....	129	8	60	40	16	5	-	-	-	-
Rwanda .....	73	19	33	21	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia .....	3,428	1,501	1,529	155	172	66	2	2	1	-
Sudan .....	910	101	720	80	8	-	-	1	-	-
Other Africa .....	205	36	136	17	5	4	2	2	3	-
<b>North America .....</b>	<b>30,544</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>23,621</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>27</b>
Canada .....	10	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico .....	26	8	11	5	1	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Caribbean .....</b>	<b>30,363</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>23,552</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>27</b>
Cuba .....	30,039	1,057	23,493	3,702	1,145	247	101	35	234	25
Haiti .....	299	16	50	225	6	-	-	-	-	2
Other Caribbean .....	25	4	9	9	2	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Central America .....</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>
Other North America .....	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>South America .....</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>
Venezuela .....	161	21	79	52	4	4	-	1	-	-
Other South America .....	167	62	54	30	8	6	1	-	6	-
Unknown .....	25	3	20	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 31. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT  
RESIDENT STATUS BY ENACTMENT  
FISCAL YEARS 1946-97**

Enactment	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-97
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,331,914</b>	<b>213,347</b>	<b>492,371</b>	<b>212,843</b>	<b>539,447</b>	<b>1,013,620</b>	<b>860,286</b>
Presidential Directive of 12/22/45 .....	40,324	40,324	X	X	X	X	-
Displaced Persons Act of 6/25/48 .....	409,696	173,023	236,669	4	X	X	-
Orphan Act of 7/29/53 .....	466	X	466	X	X	X	-
Refugee Relief Act of 8/7/53 .....	189,025	X	188,993	28	2	2	-
Refugee-Escapee Act of 9/11/57 .....	29,468	X	24,263	5,199	X	X	6
Hungarian Refugee Act of 7/25/58 .....	30,752	X	30,491	258	2	1	-
Azores & Netherlands Refugee Act of 7/25/58 .....	22,213	X	10,057	12,156	X	X	-
Refugee Relatives Act of 9/22/59 .....	1,820	X	1,432	388	X	X	-
Fair Share Refugee Act of 7/14/60 .....	19,800	X	X	19,714	82	3	1
Refugee Conditional Entrants Act of 10/3/65	142,103	X	X	39,149	102,625	329	-
Cuban Refugee Act of 11/2/66 .....	577,784	X	X	135,947	252,119	105,898	83,820
Indochinese Refugee Act of 10/28/77 .....	175,165	X	X	X	137,309	37,752	104
Refugee Parolee Act of 10/5/78 .....	139,287	X	X	X	46,058	92,971	258
<b>Refugee Act of 1980, 3/17/80 .....</b>	<b>1,554,011</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>776,664</b>	<b>776,097</b>
Refugees .....	1,431,267	X	X	X	X	734,259	697,008
Asylees .....	122,744	X	X	X	1,250	42,405	79,089

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Data for fiscal years 1987-88 have been adjusted. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status.

- Represents zero. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS  
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH  
FISCAL YEARS 1946-97**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80 <sup>1</sup>	1981-90 <sup>1</sup>	1991-95	1996	1997
<b>All countries .....</b>	<b>3,331,908</b>	<b>213,347</b>	<b>492,371</b>	<b>212,843</b>	<b>539,447</b>	<b>1,013,620</b>	<b>619,557</b>	<b>128,565</b>	<b>112,158</b>
<b>Europe .....</b>	<b>1,303,344</b>	<b>211,983</b>	<b>456,146</b>	<b>55,235</b>	<b>71,858</b>	<b>155,512</b>	<b>260,838</b>	<b>51,977</b>	<b>39,795</b>
Albania .....	7,227	29	1,409	1,952	395	353	2,859	154	76
Austria .....	17,480	4,801	11,487	233	185	424	315	15	20
Bulgaria .....	7,099	139	1,138	1,799	1,238	1,197	1,419	100	69
Czechoslovakia .....	37,968	8,449	10,719	5,709	3,646	8,204	1,176	25	40
Estonia .....	12,024	7,143	4,103	16	2	25	548	98	89
Germany .....	101,856	36,633	62,860	665	143	851	535	90	79
Greece .....	31,517	124	28,568	586	478	1,408	309	33	11
Hungary .....	76,425	6,086	55,740	4,044	4,358	4,942	1,191	40	24
Italy .....	63,629	642	60,657	1,198	346	394	361	17	14
Latvia .....	40,746	21,422	16,783	49	16	48	1,797	359	272
Lithuania .....	28,441	18,694	8,569	72	23	37	825	136	85
Netherlands .....	17,641	129	14,336	3,134	8	14	17	-	3
Poland .....	210,173	78,529	81,323	3,197	5,882	33,889	7,027	183	143
Portugal .....	5,078	12	3,650	1,361	21	21	11	1	1
Romania .....	75,466	4,180	12,057	7,158	6,812	29,798	14,692	447	322
Soviet Union, former ..	443,684	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	221,831	42,356	30,880
Russia .....	51,352	X	X	X	X	X	34,622	9,745	6,985
Ukraine .....	93,400	X	X	X	X	X	64,627	16,636	12,137
Uzbekistan .....	17,523	X	X	X	X	X	10,494	4,144	2,885
Other republics .....	54,620	X	X	X	X	X	39,808	8,528	6,284
Unknown republic ....	226,789	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	72,280	3,303	2,589
Spain .....	10,760	1	246	4,114	5,317	736	271	46	29
Yugoslavia .....	105,359	9,816	44,755	18,299	11,297	324	5,451	7,820	7,597
Other Europe .....	10,771	1,082	7,687	778	382	541	203	57	41
<b>Asia .....</b>	<b>1,294,158</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>33,422</b>	<b>19,895</b>	<b>210,683</b>	<b>712,092</b>	<b>244,049</b>	<b>42,076</b>	<b>30,835</b>
Afghanistan .....	32,910	-	1	-	542	22,946	8,696	369	356
Cambodia .....	128,054	-	-	-	7,739	114,064	5,878	210	163
China <sup>2</sup> .....	45,113	319	12,008	5,308	13,760	7,928	4,252	847	693
Hong Kong .....	9,142	-	1,076	2,128	3,468	1,916	488	47	19
Indonesia .....	17,700	-	8,253	7,658	222	1,385	144	30	8
Iran .....	69,078	118	192	58	364	46,773	18,914	1,212	1,447
Iraq .....	30,878	-	130	119	6,851	7,540	10,662	3,802	1,774
Japan .....	4,544	3	3,803	554	56	110	18	-	-
Korea .....	4,634	-	3,116	1,316	65	120	10	4	3
Laos .....	199,718	-	-	-	21,690	142,964	31,546	2,155	1,363
Syria .....	5,096	4	119	383	1,336	2,145	755	208	146
Thailand .....	51,963	-	15	13	1,241	30,259	17,383	1,940	1,112
Turkey .....	7,103	603	1,427	1,489	1,193	1,896	418	42	35
Vietnam .....	666,585	-	2	7	150,266	324,453	139,860	29,700	22,297
Other Asia .....	21,640	59	3,280	862	1,890	7,593	5,025	1,510	1,419
<b>Africa .....</b>	<b>74,289</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>5,486</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>22,149</b>	<b>28,760</b>	<b>5,464</b>	<b>7,651</b>
Egypt .....	8,965	8	1,354	5,396	1,473	426	171	66	71
Ethiopia .....	37,289	-	61	2	1,307	18,542	15,311	1,053	1,056
Other Africa .....	28,035	12	353	88	211	3,181	13,278	4,345	6,524
<b>Oceania .....</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>North America .....</b>	<b>652,177</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>132,068</b>	<b>252,633</b>	<b>121,840</b>	<b>83,674</b>	<b>28,070</b>	<b>32,898</b>
Cuba .....	603,194	3	6	131,557	251,514	113,367	53,828	22,542	30,377
El Salvador .....	5,250	-	-	1	45	1,383	3,361	262	198
Nicaragua .....	27,549	1	1	3	36	5,590	20,486	766	666
Other North America ..	16,184	159	824	507	1,038	1,500	5,999	4,500	1,657
<b>South America .....</b>	<b>7,374</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>890</b>
Chile .....	1,080	-	5	4	415	532	89	21	14
Colombia .....	1,192	NA	NA	NA	217	350	355	116	154
Peru .....	2,157	NA	NA	NA	132	251	717	568	489
Venezuela .....	1,474	NA	NA	NA	83	407	661	150	173
Other South America	1,471	32	69	119	397	446	281	67	60
Unknown or not reported	159	36	55	15	1	19	3	-	30

<sup>1</sup> Data for fiscal years 1971-90 have been adjusted. <sup>2</sup> Includes People's Republic of China and Taiwan. NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status.

- Represents zero. NA Not available. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 33. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY AGE AND SEX  
FISCAL YEARS 1990-97**

Age and sex	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>97,364</b>	<b>139,079</b>	<b>117,037</b>	<b>127,343</b>	<b>121,434</b>	<b>114,664</b>	<b>128,565</b>	<b>112,158</b>
Under 5 years .....	5,315	6,721	5,760	5,563	5,181	4,509	4,303	3,424
5-9 years .....	9,662	13,578	11,304	11,496	10,198	9,163	9,525	8,721
10-14 years .....	8,839	12,494	9,250	9,971	9,451	9,287	10,737	9,963
15-19 years .....	10,237	13,270	12,224	11,654	9,596	8,076	8,153	7,669
20-24 years .....	10,067	12,859	13,280	13,869	13,115	13,199	14,210	11,573
25-29 years .....	10,831	14,522	11,895	12,094	11,148	11,491	14,009	12,816
30-34 years .....	10,250	15,044	10,738	10,703	9,978	9,433	11,897	11,900
35-39 years .....	8,764	13,275	9,170	9,151	8,420	7,860	9,226	8,867
40-44 years .....	6,527	10,790	8,078	9,068	8,031	7,546	8,620	7,806
45-49 years .....	4,032	5,871	6,130	7,949	7,827	7,707	9,078	7,402
50-54 years .....	3,360	5,148	5,207	6,294	5,969	5,574	6,467	5,654
55-59 years .....	2,611	3,689	4,008	5,491	6,064	5,862	6,663	4,994
60-64 years .....	2,309	3,780	3,481	4,747	5,053	4,594	4,846	3,704
65-69 years .....	2,090	3,782	3,002	4,281	4,945	4,267	4,587	3,238
70-74 years .....	1,144	2,023	1,655	2,443	3,143	2,905	3,062	2,001
75-79 years .....	734	1,266	991	1,305	1,649	1,502	1,494	1,077
80 years and over .....	569	938	819	1,223	1,641	1,676	1,674	1,335
Unknown age .....	23	29	45	41	25	13	14	14
<b>Male .....</b>	<b>51,843</b>	<b>72,189</b>	<b>60,583</b>	<b>64,885</b>	<b>61,790</b>	<b>59,023</b>	<b>67,386</b>	<b>59,598</b>
Under 5 years .....	2,794	3,549	3,062	2,836	2,660	2,279	2,198	1,798
5-9 years .....	5,057	6,972	5,766	5,910	5,259	4,776	4,950	4,496
10-14 years .....	4,718	6,595	4,913	5,122	4,841	4,835	5,619	5,105
15-19 years .....	5,835	7,417	6,724	6,170	5,067	4,282	4,342	4,020
20-24 years .....	5,748	6,841	7,131	7,337	6,987	7,190	7,590	6,207
25-29 years .....	5,884	7,690	6,381	6,518	6,290	6,457	8,196	7,389
30-34 years .....	5,281	7,870	5,487	5,481	5,415	5,274	6,832	7,060
35-39 years .....	4,629	6,971	4,640	4,544	4,176	3,901	4,867	4,806
40-44 years .....	3,507	5,714	4,079	4,280	3,748	3,582	4,135	3,910
45-49 years .....	2,213	3,249	3,293	4,248	4,019	3,816	4,538	3,776
50-54 years .....	1,787	2,711	2,726	3,383	3,168	3,034	3,575	3,142
55-59 years .....	1,382	1,814	2,037	2,699	2,860	2,839	3,325	2,598
60-64 years .....	1,043	1,594	1,630	2,344	2,421	2,289	2,375	1,896
65-69 years .....	929	1,545	1,295	1,924	2,306	2,112	2,313	1,669
70-74 years .....	492	828	702	1,072	1,321	1,209	1,305	915
75-79 years .....	304	478	395	535	644	575	626	408
80 years and over .....	232	338	297	457	592	569	591	396
Unknown age .....	8	13	25	25	16	4	9	7
<b>Female .....</b>	<b>45,475</b>	<b>66,825</b>	<b>56,415</b>	<b>62,448</b>	<b>59,633</b>	<b>55,638</b>	<b>61,178</b>	<b>52,517</b>
Under 5 years .....	2,514	3,169	2,698	2,727	2,519	2,230	2,105	1,626
5-9 years .....	4,599	6,597	5,534	5,584	4,937	4,387	4,574	4,221
10-14 years .....	4,118	5,891	4,336	4,847	4,608	4,452	5,118	4,854
15-19 years .....	4,398	5,843	5,496	5,483	4,527	3,794	3,811	3,645
20-24 years .....	4,313	6,011	6,145	6,531	6,128	6,009	6,620	5,359
25-29 years .....	4,945	6,827	5,506	5,576	4,857	5,034	5,813	5,418
30-34 years .....	4,962	7,170	5,244	5,222	4,563	4,159	5,065	4,839
35-39 years .....	4,132	6,303	4,528	4,606	4,243	3,958	4,359	4,060
40-44 years .....	3,019	5,066	3,998	4,787	4,282	3,964	4,485	3,890
45-49 years .....	1,816	2,619	2,834	3,699	3,808	3,891	4,540	3,625
50-54 years .....	1,571	2,437	2,479	2,911	2,801	2,540	2,892	2,511
55-59 years .....	1,228	1,874	1,970	2,792	3,204	3,023	3,338	2,394
60-64 years .....	1,265	2,186	1,849	2,403	2,632	2,304	2,471	1,806
65-69 years .....	1,161	2,235	1,707	2,357	2,639	2,155	2,274	1,568
70-74 years .....	652	1,193	953	1,371	1,822	1,696	1,757	1,086
75-79 years .....	430	788	596	770	1,005	926	868	669
80 years and over .....	337	600	522	766	1,049	1,107	1,083	939
Unknown age .....	15	16	20	16	9	9	5	7
Unknown sex .....	46	65	39	10	11	3	1	43
<b>Percent distribution .....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male .....	53.2	51.9	51.8	51.0	50.9	51.5	52.4	53.1
Female .....	46.7	48.0	48.2	49.0	49.1	48.5	47.6	46.8
Unknown .....	Z	Z	-	-	-	-	-	Z
<b>Median age .....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>
Male .....	27	28	27	29	30	30	31	30
Female .....	28	29	29	31	32	32	33	31

- Represents zero. Z Rounds to less than .05 percent.

**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS  
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH  
FISCAL YEARS 1988-97**

Region and country of birth	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>All countries .....</b>	<b>81,719</b>	<b>84,288</b>	<b>97,364</b>	<b>139,079</b>	<b>117,037</b>	<b>127,343</b>	<b>121,434</b>	<b>114,664</b>	<b>128,565</b>	<b>112,158</b>
<b>Europe .....</b>	<b>11,418</b>	<b>18,348</b>	<b>33,111</b>	<b>62,946</b>	<b>42,721</b>	<b>53,195</b>	<b>54,978</b>	<b>46,998</b>	<b>51,977</b>	<b>39,795</b>
Albania .....	66	55	64	75	539	1,198	733	314	154	76
Austria .....	39	26	84	131	90	54	25	15	15	20
Belgium .....	4	3	1	1	1	2	2	-	3	4
Bulgaria .....	129	126	178	311	562	303	138	105	100	69
Czechoslovakia, former .....	1,164	640	883	659	319	119	41	38	25	40
Czech Republic .....	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic .....	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	2	4	9
Unknown republic .....	1,164	640	883	659	319	119	41	36	21	31
Denmark .....	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	2	9	1
Estonia .....	1	-	5	9	155	125	176	83	98	89
Finland .....	-	1	3	2	2	3	-	2	-	-
France .....	19	36	34	34	13	15	10	7	24	18
Germany .....	X	X	X	214	94	82	84	61	90	79
Germany, East .....	28	8	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Germany, West .....	94	100	150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greece .....	54	185	315	127	28	39	65	50	33	11
Hungary .....	738	588	868	817	229	80	37	28	40	24
Ireland .....	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	-
Italy .....	26	44	86	206	105	32	11	7	17	14
Latvia .....	9	8	6	34	315	493	568	387	359	272
Liechtenstein .....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania .....	8	5	11	75	157	228	214	151	136	85
Netherlands .....	2	-	4	5	2	7	3	-	-	3
Norway .....	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	1
Poland .....	4,242	3,842	3,903	4,205	1,512	731	334	245	183	143
Portugal .....	1	-	2	2	-	4	2	3	1	1
Romania .....	3,028	3,338	3,186	4,276	4,971	3,654	1,199	592	447	322
Soviet Union, former .....	1,642	9,264	23,186	51,551	33,504	45,900	50,756	40,120	42,356	30,880
Armenia .....	X	X	X	X	479	329	342	214	182	213
Azerbaijan .....	X	X	X	X	1,551	2,790	2,668	1,594	1,446	1,000
Belarus .....	X	X	X	X	3,008	4,480	5,156	3,421	3,480	2,486
Georgia .....	X	X	X	X	255	213	392	383	591	425
Kazakhstan .....	X	X	X	X	460	544	595	600	624	612
Kyrgyzstan .....	X	X	X	X	123	114	210	155	177	200
Moldova .....	X	X	X	X	1,588	2,546	2,154	1,597	1,415	1,043
Russia .....	X	X	X	X	7,122	8,965	10,359	8,176	9,745	6,985
Tajikistan .....	X	X	X	X	167	301	534	654	535	239
Turkmenistan .....	X	X	X	X	30	40	50	71	78	66
Ukraine .....	X	X	X	X	13,347	16,977	19,366	14,937	16,636	12,137
Uzbekistan .....	X	X	X	X	1,550	2,475	3,211	3,258	4,144	2,885
Unknown republic .....	1,642	9,264	23,186	51,551	3,824	6,126	5,719	5,060	3,303	2,589
Spain .....	75	37	84	96	50	37	55	33	46	29
Sweden .....	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	1
Switzerland .....	5	1	5	10	4	3	2	1	3	4
United Kingdom .....	16	17	23	34	7	7	17	9	11	12
Yugoslavia, former .....	26	23	23	66	58	77	506	4744	7820	7,597
Bosnia-Herzegovina .....	X	X	X	X	X	-	337	3,818	6,246	6,205
Croatia .....	X	X	X	X	X	2	11	117	236	287
Macedonia .....	X	X	X	X	X	-	4	20	20	19
Slovenia .....	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	11	17	18
Unknown .....	26	23	23	66	58	75	154	778	1,301	1,068
<b>Asia .....</b>	<b>56,006</b>	<b>56,751</b>	<b>51,867</b>	<b>49,762</b>	<b>53,422</b>	<b>51,783</b>	<b>45,768</b>	<b>43,314</b>	<b>42,076</b>	<b>30,835</b>
Afghanistan .....	2,597	2,606	2,144	2,100	2,082	2,233	1,665	616	369	356
Bahrain .....	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1
Bangladesh .....	3	-	-	15	10	7	19	36	50	91
Burma .....	1	3	2	16	19	78	114	136	101	82
Cambodia .....	9,255	5,648	4,719	2,550	1,695	808	557	268	210	163
China, People's Republic .....	588	500	330	620	884	1,153	774	803	845	692
Cyprus .....	7	11	8	4	-	-	3	2	-	-

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**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS  
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FISCAL YEARS 1988-97—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Hong Kong .....	147	66	30	75	193	90	82	48	47	19
India .....	35	27	14	47	34	103	133	323	485	462
Indonesia .....	81	77	28	12	13	16	41	62	30	8
Iran .....	6,895	8,167	8,649	8,515	3,093	3,875	2,186	1,245	1,212	1,447
Iraq .....	268	191	141	193	365	1,856	4,400	3,848	3,802	1,774
Israel .....	10	8	16	10	10	20	29	34	32	25
Japan .....	2	4	1	4	5	3	4	2	-	-
Jordan .....	4	9	17	15	15	42	48	64	58	46
Korea .....	7	4	2	1	-	1	3	5	4	3
Kuwait .....	4	4	4	11	13	114	94	63	74	46
Laos .....	10,348	12,033	9,824	9,127	8,026	6,547	4,482	3,364	2,155	1,363
Lebanon .....	29	116	118	318	140	204	88	48	77	68
Malaysia .....	68	72	59	93	88	37	49	44	15	16
Maldives .....	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Mongolia .....	-	-	-	2	3	4	4	2	3	7
Nepal .....	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	7	12
Pakistan .....	101	142	157	166	129	185	181	197	194	280
Philippines .....	429	361	290	249	221	122	103	80	80	68
Qatar .....	1	1	-	-	6	2	5	3	1	-
Saudi Arabia .....	4	13	15	33	19	24	75	126	280	135
Singapore .....	2	4	3	2	2	-	1	1	1	5
Sri Lanka .....	1	2	6	59	22	62	33	30	42	46
Syria .....	67	273	393	252	96	115	34	258	208	146
Taiwan .....	11	2	3	5	10	1	-	2	2	1
Thailand .....	3,587	4,347	4,077	3,603	4,048	3,724	3,076	2,932	1,940	1,112
Turkey .....	33	175	276	109	16	79	156	58	42	35
United Arab Emirates .....	2	2	1	6	2	15	7	9	4	9
Vietnam .....	21,407	21,883	20,537	21,543	32,155	30,249	27,318	28,595	29,700	22,297
Yemen .....	11	-	3	5	5	9	4	4	6	19
Other Asia .....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
<b>Africa .....</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>4,731</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>5,944</b>	<b>6,078</b>	<b>7,527</b>	<b>5,464</b>	<b>7,651</b>
Algeria .....	-	-	3	-	-	2	3	3	16	46
Angola .....	22	19	14	22	25	13	7	4	11	4
Benin .....	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	1
Burundi .....	1	3	-	4	5	4	6	4	17	41
Cameroon .....	-	-	-	3	-	12	14	33	68	89
Cape Verde .....	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1
Central African Republic .....	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Chad .....	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	3	4	2
Congo, Democratic Republic <sup>1</sup> .....	23	20	14	57	72	109	113	130	175	146
Congo, Republic <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	2	-	4
Cote d'Ivoire .....	-	-	-	2	-	3	15	19	24	19
Djibouti .....	1	-	4	1	2	3	6	-	-	-
Egypt .....	25	49	69	52	18	35	37	29	66	71
Eritrea .....	X	X	X	X	X	43	200	204	68	45
Ethiopia .....	1,723	1,784	1,682	3,582	3,268	3,682	2,530	1,802	985	1,056
Gabon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Gambia, The .....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	10
Ghana .....	13	21	59	64	16	35	37	54	56	67
Guinea .....	4	-	-	-	1	2	7	7	21	10
Kenya .....	18	17	31	32	42	42	98	165	171	291
Lesotho .....	3	3	5	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia .....	6	7	26	42	25	239	851	855	700	505
Libya .....	54	71	84	175	143	172	27	28	24	13
Malawi .....	5	-	3	9	3	-	4	2	-	2
Mali .....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
Mauritania .....	-	-	-	-	1	7	4	10	10	35
Mauritius .....	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	5	4
Morocco .....	1	1	1	4	1	3	3	1	5	1
Mozambique .....	8	7	8	3	9	16	3	-	-	-
Namibia .....	13	8	5	6	6	17	5	-	-	-
Nigeria .....	-	2	1	20	9	14	21	26	40	80

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**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS  
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH  
FISCAL YEARS 1988-97—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Rwanda .....	1	-	1	-	1	4	8	13	84	140
Senegal .....	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	1	7	9
Seychelles .....	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone .....	10	-	-	4	3	2	4	25	44	78
Somalia .....	20	33	38	282	330	885	1,572	3,095	1,700	3,607
South Africa .....	38	80	35	77	33	37	6	23	9	7
Sudan .....	80	97	60	184	369	443	402	935	1,089	1,119
Swaziland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tanzania .....	1	1	1	3	3	1	-	1	3	3
Togo .....	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	8	17	52
Tunisia .....	1	-	1	2	1	2	-	1	1	-
Uganda .....	31	29	54	54	64	87	79	36	24	46
Zambia .....	3	9	-	17	4	10	3	7	6	3
Zimbabwe .....	-	3	6	3	4	6	2	-	9	5
Other Africa .....	13	5	6	-	5	3	1	-	-	31
<b>Oceania .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>
Australia .....	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	2	-
Fiji .....	-	-	-	-	8	31	22	61	54	59
New Zealand .....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Oceania .....	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
<b>North America .....</b>	<b>11,912</b>	<b>6,740</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>21,317</b>	<b>15,962</b>	<b>15,926</b>	<b>14,204</b>	<b>16,265</b>	<b>28,070</b>	<b>32,898</b>
Canada .....	12	6	5	14	5	8	10	5	3	12
Mexico .....	28	46	60	74	29	29	15	37	47	60
<b>Caribbean .....</b>	<b>10,907</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>8,005</b>	<b>9,969</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>12,672</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>26,597</b>	<b>31,479</b>
Bahamas, The .....	1	-	1	3	2	4	-	1	2	1
Cuba .....	10,846	5,245	7,668	7,953	9,919	11,603	11,998	12,355	22,542	30,377
Dominica .....	5	3	4	1	-	4	-	-	1	-
Dominican Republic .....	16	10	20	14	27	18	8	22	19	26
Grenada .....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Haiti .....	39	11	-	31	16	68	664	2,502	4,028	1,074
Jamaica .....	-	2	5	2	1	3	1	4	3	-
St. Vincent & the Grenadines .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago .....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Other Caribbean .....	-	-	1	1	4	-	-	2	-	1
<b>Central America .....</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>13,221</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>1,339</b>
Belize .....	-	8	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-
Costa Rica .....	24	22	37	64	31	29	20	8	18	20
El Salvador .....	170	198	245	1,249	743	811	275	283	262	198
Guatemala .....	37	33	58	296	169	210	131	158	234	327
Honduras .....	71	58	66	133	105	165	81	119	119	109
Nicaragua .....	645	1,075	1,694	11,233	4,668	2,892	966	727	766	666
Panama .....	17	22	43	246	243	81	33	38	21	19
Other North America .....	1	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	1	8
<b>South America .....</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>890</b>
Argentina .....	19	8	21	8	15	4	9	11	13	12
Bolivia .....	5	2	10	6	3	6	10	9	17	10
Brazil .....	8	7	6	10	7	11	9	10	18	16
Chile .....	25	19	20	38	16	17	8	10	21	14
Colombia .....	66	38	63	46	74	63	70	102	116	154
Ecuador .....	15	9	17	14	6	25	25	11	15	10
Guyana .....	-	-	-	1	-	4	3	3	-	7
Paraguay .....	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Peru .....	59	29	35	73	74	176	153	241	568	489
Suriname .....	-	-	1	2	27	16	2	4	3	1
Uruguay .....	5	1	3	2	-	4	2	1	-	3
Venezuela .....	58	62	87	120	220	135	91	95	150	173
Unknown or not reported .....	1	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	30

<sup>1</sup> On May 30, 1997, Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With this change of Zaire, the Congo is shown in the long form, Republic of the Congo. NOTE: Data for fiscal years 1987-88 have been adjusted. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status. - Represents zero. X Not applicable.



**TABLE 35. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE  
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

Metropolitan statistical area <sup>1</sup>	All countries	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Belarus	Cuba	Haiti	Iran	Iraq	Laos	Russia
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>112,158</b>	<b>6,205</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>30,377</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>6,985</b>
Miami, FL .....	23,857	3	5	22,445	244	5	-	1	18
New York, NY .....	12,613	128	908	191	117	52	-	-	2,037
Orange County, CA .....	4,306	42	12	19	-	18	26	8	11
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA .....	3,988	152	116	111	-	892	11	8	326
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA .....	3,793	199	47	12	15	13	137	21	295
Chicago, IL .....	3,608	833	210	124	19	26	191	1	338
Sacramento, CA .....	3,267	34	167	6	-	16	2	317	294
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	2,992	90	8	65	21	75	60	7	54
Atlanta, GA .....	2,985	316	19	48	9	25	40	12	97
San Jose, CA .....	2,971	213	23	9	-	34	15	1	168
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI .....	2,795	47	87	19	-	9	15	393	148
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA .....	2,604	180	29	123	15	4	7	7	426
San Francisco, CA .....	2,175	185	90	38	5	14	32	1	316
San Diego, CA .....	2,035	66	11	44	-	34	235	16	86
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA .....	1,875	174	76	35	29	3	26	2	314
Oakland, CA .....	1,514	34	39	10	-	18	-	25	92
Philadelphia, PA-NJ .....	1,361	29	38	40	6	3	9	15	166
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL .....	1,108	42	-	922	15	1	-	-	1
Detroit, MI .....	1,048	93	22	27	-	1	398	12	77
Dallas, TX .....	1,011	128	12	99	-	14	68	4	31
Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	957	2	4	627	136	-	-	-	15
Denver, CO .....	918	102	65	24	-	2	12	9	133
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL .....	886	10	-	718	90	2	-	-	-
Houston, TX .....	830	51	3	72	3	10	6	-	14
Tacoma, WA .....	757	-	11	1	-	-	3	2	66
Jersey City, NJ .....	749	5	-	642	4	5	-	-	7
St. Louis, MO-IL .....	724	387	26	24	1	-	11	-	30
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH .....	698	71	70	4	-	-	13	3	133
Orlando, FL .....	690	59	1	322	82	4	1	-	-
Nashville, TN .....	672	45	-	64	1	2	46	-	6
Des Moines, IA .....	627	338	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Baltimore, MD .....	591	28	26	53	1	12	3	-	94
Las Vegas, NV .....	525	53	-	350	5	7	3	1	2
Newark, NJ .....	517	26	8	219	26	-	1	-	35
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX .....	503	34	-	22	-	4	18	3	-
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA .....	441	4	4	11	-	8	3	2	19
Yolo, CA .....	410	1	7	-	1	-	-	23	113
Lincoln, NE .....	405	20	-	1	-	-	55	-	19
Kansas City, MO-KS .....	353	13	5	67	9	3	13	8	8
Springfield, MA .....	343	12	9	1	-	-	-	-	57
Memphis, TN-AR-MS .....	318	13	5	49	3	-	18	-	1
Spokane, WA .....	310	32	9	13	-	1	-	19	62
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC .....	281	27	-	48	-	5	-	1	2
Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC .....	281	25	-	40	-	-	-	1	2
Bergen-Passaic, NJ .....	259	10	5	58	2	2	-	-	50
Louisville, KY .....	256	56	-	81	5	3	12	-	5
Columbus, OH .....	249	6	18	12	1	-	16	5	35
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA .....	249	21	1	28	8	-	8	-	3
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI .....	234	27	1	30	6	-	-	-	-
Utica-Rome, NY .....	235	107	41	8	-	-	-	-	9
Other MSA .....	11,247	1,329	212	1,567	174	85	224	378	588
Non-MSA .....	3,737	303	35	834	21	35	36	56	178

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 35. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE**  
**FISCAL YEAR 1997—Continued**

Metropolitan statistical area <sup>1</sup>	Somalia	Soviet Union <sup>2</sup>	Sudan	Thailand	Ukraine	Uzbeki- stan	Vietnam	Yugo- slavia <sup>2</sup>	Other
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,607</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>22,297</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>13,633</b>
Miami, FL .....	-	7	-	-	13	10	1	3	1,102
New York, NY .....	4	795	3	-	3,852	2,076	158	202	2,090
Orange County, CA .....	7	5	2	6	22	1	3,998	4	125
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA .....	33	198	2	19	723	99	655	16	627
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA .....	305	238	22	10	870	52	1,104	47	406
Chicago, IL .....	24	146	6	-	704	35	366	81	504
Sacramento, CA .....	6	345	2	226	861	82	425	5	479
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	454	7	126	2	40	5	592	19	1,367
Atlanta, GA .....	204	5	21	1	133	53	1,777	8	217
San Jose, CA .....	24	28	1	2	134	22	2,072	11	214
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI .....	808	68	93	358	110	11	224	87	318
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA .....	9	178	9	4	676	37	515	26	359
San Francisco, CA .....	5	39	6	-	667	34	192	9	542
San Diego, CA .....	604	1	97	4	101	12	439	8	277
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA .....	216	65	6	9	288	9	403	19	201
Oakland, CA .....	11	19	13	21	97	21	641	7	466
Philadelphia, PA-NJ .....	5	73	4	1	439	16	279	6	232
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL .....	-	-	-	-	1	-	108	4	14
Detroit, MI .....	16	18	-	15	89	7	36	66	171
Dallas, TX .....	35	4	26	2	52	10	360	10	156
Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	3	1	-	-	10	2	19	8	130
Denver, CO .....	13	8	24	5	91	3	328	13	86
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL .....	-	-	-	-	12	-	17	1	36
Houston, TX .....	9	3	9	-	7	2	513	5	123
Tacoma, WA .....	-	36	-	2	104	-	473	-	59
Jersey City, NJ .....	1	-	-	1	12	1	14	-	57
St. Louis, MO-IL .....	45	-	8	-	20	2	109	3	58
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH .....	1	18	1	1	225	34	32	8	84
Orlando, FL .....	-	-	-	-	6	3	168	6	38
Nashville, TN .....	145	2	127	-	8	-	148	-	78
Des Moines, IA .....	-	1	124	-	3	-	114	3	38
Baltimore, MD .....	11	30	1	-	119	21	45	1	146
Las Vegas, NV .....	-	-	6	-	3	-	15	9	71
Newark, NJ .....	-	2	-	-	54	6	22	18	100
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX .....	23	1	16	-	-	-	335	4	43
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA .....	-	4	-	-	16	-	314	-	56
Yolo, CA .....	-	39	-	15	74	80	-	-	57
Lincoln, NE .....	-	-	2	-	1	-	285	1	21
Kansas City, MO-KS .....	14	3	41	7	15	6	99	7	35
Springfield, MA .....	-	-	3	-	147	8	39	-	67
Memphis, TN-AR-MS .....	53	-	16	-	18	-	118	4	20
Spokane, WA .....	-	4	-	4	67	4	51	3	41
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC .....	54	-	-	1	14	-	101	4	24
Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC .....	10	-	-	1	1	-	170	8	23
Bergen-Passaic, NJ .....	-	1	1	-	20	6	2	23	79
Louisville, KY .....	-	-	-	-	17	3	61	-	13
Columbus, OH .....	42	10	1	-	37	1	15	-	50
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA .....	1	4	-	-	14	4	93	41	23
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI .....	5	2	-	-	1	-	134	16	12
Utica-Rome, NY .....	-	1	-	-	25	-	25	-	19
Other MSA .....	301	125	244	361	926	73	2,793	194	1,673
Non-MSA .....	106	55	56	34	198	34	1,300	50	406

<sup>1</sup> Ranked by the number of refugees and asylees. See Glossary for definition of metropolitan statistical area. <sup>2</sup> Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 36. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS  
BY STATE OF RESIDENCE  
FISCAL YEARS 1988-97**

State of residence	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>81,719</b>	<b>84,288</b>	<b>97,364</b>	<b>139,079</b>	<b>117,037</b>	<b>127,343</b>	<b>121,434</b>	<b>114,664</b>	<b>128,565</b>	<b>112,158</b>
Alabama .....	230	182	127	136	94	118	106	67	95	56
Alaska .....	33	41	27	72	56	62	47	20	72	28
Arizona .....	593	655	682	890	608	973	708	628	333	289
Arkansas .....	194	190	76	122	99	150	111	91	96	94
California .....	27,423	36,136	38,507	45,594	38,261	39,516	29,284	26,104	20,233	23,046
Colorado .....	591	705	578	1,342	1,114	1,106	1,186	1,296	1,416	1,102
Connecticut .....	933	788	1,162	1,767	1,111	1,116	904	956	864	552
Delaware .....	39	28	48	107	39	47	51	37	59	17
District of Columbia .....	169	225	295	508	408	355	413	445	506	457
Florida .....	11,257	5,750	9,145	15,064	14,035	14,344	14,108	14,527	23,535	28,672
Georgia .....	1,047	787	989	1,777	1,467	1,765	2,287	2,672	2,645	3,206
Hawaii .....	449	320	255	261	245	241	239	240	208	70
Idaho .....	159	125	114	139	169	146	217	190	387	126
Illinois .....	2,366	3,231	3,419	5,679	4,411	3,906	4,122	5,060	5,040	3,798
Indiana .....	229	113	130	433	248	457	463	424	585	410
Iowa .....	534	331	467	544	445	654	467	733	851	1,020
Kansas .....	530	991	291	508	691	623	655	473	755	359
Kentucky .....	210	129	66	84	348	286	267	430	486	394
Louisiana .....	928	706	470	898	938	660	614	376	909	577
Maine .....	119	137	165	281	141	131	127	135	257	219
Maryland .....	1,062	1,062	1,242	2,148	2,275	1,497	2,774	2,244	2,136	1,716
Massachusetts .....	4,169	3,758	4,724	5,289	3,461	4,303	3,824	3,639	3,445	2,496
Michigan .....	1,071	1,164	1,221	2,384	1,916	2,596	2,594	2,979	3,001	1,597
Minnesota .....	1,594	2,251	2,656	3,027	2,338	2,678	2,989	3,635	3,787	3,210
Mississippi .....	191	121	124	80	120	66	75	38	116	130
Missouri .....	684	510	534	908	692	1,029	1,338	1,303	1,733	1,027
Montana .....	43	23	9	131	61	61	42	15	48	19
Nebraska .....	137	104	175	221	143	663	490	574	362	726
Nevada .....	243	248	358	464	377	400	297	411	444	572
New Hampshire .....	113	120	139	189	227	155	144	185	257	236
New Jersey .....	1,632	2,335	1,339	3,141	2,603	3,188	2,680	2,058	3,665	2,068
New Mexico .....	151	133	26	142	166	215	196	179	282	195
New York .....	6,259	6,289	12,871	22,105	14,097	16,986	20,846	19,721	24,625	13,638
North Carolina .....	666	470	337	649	684	887	1,162	863	884	764
North Dakota .....	40	26	70	42	49	180	311	138	271	281
Ohio .....	776	1,164	770	1,375	2,734	2,378	2,254	1,791	1,668	1,362
Oklahoma .....	307	247	214	204	404	258	419	418	487	133
Oregon .....	881	912	1,315	2,624	1,746	2,619	1,935	766	1,813	1,958
Pennsylvania .....	2,466	2,343	2,983	3,953	3,827	3,748	3,313	3,125	2,712	2,261
Rhode Island .....	476	469	395	635	488	385	321	287	284	91
South Carolina .....	124	62	67	130	74	150	120	154	142	173
South Dakota .....	59	67	52	196	176	213	326	279	200	130
Tennessee .....	591	512	448	525	668	869	942	1,152	1,030	1,140
Texas .....	3,495	2,703	2,866	4,911	3,957	4,862	4,576	4,272	6,415	2,749
Utah .....	492	306	364	513	363	441	500	414	650	135
Vermont .....	81	29	85	139	68	67	70	112	177	183
Virginia .....	2,052	1,808	1,692	2,403	1,891	1,766	2,258	2,054	2,544	1,914
Washington .....	2,722	2,161	1,605	2,194	5,063	6,018	6,330	4,793	5,271	6,305
West Virginia .....	9	8	5	31	-	6	3	6	10	2
Wisconsin .....	989	1,251	1,578	2,011	1,302	1,868	1,814	2,052	561	329
Wyoming .....	2	-	6	4	3	1	4	1	4	4
U.S. territories and possessions										
Guam .....	14	-	4	6	16	1	-	13	14	7
Puerto Rico .....	95	62	77	97	120	133	109	84	194	114
Virgin Islands .....	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1
Other .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

NOTE: Data for fiscal years 1987-88 have been adjusted. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status. - Represents zero.